

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Downstate Public Transportation Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2-5.1 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 740/2-5.1)

7 Sec. 2-5.1. Additional requirements.

8 (a) Any unit of local government that becomes a participant
9 on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
10 94th General Assembly shall, in addition to any other
11 requirements under this Article, meet all of the following
12 requirements when applying for grants under this Article:

13 (1) The grant application must demonstrate the
14 participant's plan to provide general public
15 transportation with an emphasis on elderly, disabled, and
16 economically disadvantaged populations.

17 (2) The grant application must demonstrate the
18 participant's plan for interagency coordination that, at a
19 minimum, allows the participation of all State-funded and
20 federally-funded agencies and programs with transportation
21 needs in the proposed service area in the development of
22 the applicant's public transportation program.

23 (3) Any participant serving a nonurbanized area that is

1 not receiving Federal Section 5311 funding must meet the
2 operating and safety compliance requirements as set forth
3 in that federal program.

4 (4) The participant is required to hold public hearings
5 to allow comment on the proposed service plan in all
6 municipalities with populations of 1,500 inhabitants or
7 more within the proposed service area.

8 (b) Service extensions by any participant after July 1,
9 2005 by either annexation or intergovernmental agreement must
10 meet the 4 requirements of subsection (a).

11 (c) In order to receive funding, the Department shall
12 certify that the participant has met the requirements of this
13 Section. Funding priority shall be given to service extension,
14 multi-county, and multi-jurisdictional projects.

15 (d) The Department shall develop an annual application
16 process for existing or potential participants to request an
17 initial appropriation or an appropriation exceeding the
18 formula amount found in subsection (b-10) of Section 2-7 for
19 funding service in new areas in the next fiscal year. The
20 application shall include, but not be limited to, a description
21 of the new service area, proposed service in the new area, and
22 a budget for providing existing and new service. The Department
23 shall review the application for reasonableness and compliance
24 with the requirements of this Section, and, if it approves the
25 application, shall recommend to the Governor an appropriation
26 for the next fiscal year in an amount sufficient to provide 65%

1 of projected eligible operating expenses associated with a new
2 participant's service area or the portion of an existing
3 participant's service area that has been expanded by annexation
4 or intergovernmental agreement. The recommended appropriation
5 for the next fiscal year may exceed the formula amount found in
6 subsection (b-10) of Section 2-7.

7 (Source: P.A. 94-70, eff. 6-22-05.)